it famed, which gives in the name of God, forgets what it has given, and renders thanks and rejoices that it has been elected to serve ; and that Love which loves and seeks no return, which i's loyal even unto death, which (moth-like) delights to be consumed by and assumed into the Beloved—Life achieved in merger into Love ! Thus and thus alone 4oes the eye of devout love discern the divinity in man through all veils, through all disguise, form or place or name."

Again God's Mercy would not lose sight of one grain of worth in us while condoning a thousand blemishes. To us, mortals, the life of a brother-man is a narrow zone, a small span and no more; but unto Him, each life is figured forth along its whole length and breadth and depth. Before His all-seeing eye, the Nile is mapped out at once through all the four thousand miles of its course, even as the slender silver line at the start. 'Unto-Him, the whole length being taken in at a single gaze, the mighty flow. of waters is one panorama of beauty and grandeur which man, the creature of time and space, can never adequately vision. God watches and rejoices over the rolling waters as they swell into a vast river flooding a whole country and bringing bounty to millions. So too before His eye, our whole life is mapped out and in the sinner of earth, despite all his weaknesses and wretchednesses. He sees already the future saint of heaven, and in the Divine, process of the souFs unfolding, He ignores not the fact that the sinner is first of

this earth and subject to the frailties of the body.

Again, we are all familiar with that little anecdote in the accounts of Islamic mysticism, which reveals the boundless mercy of God. A devotee felt that, after all, he had every right to believe that he was loved of the Deity. Said God,

{t *Hussain, shall I disclose thy secret sins that men may stone thee to death for what thou art.*" And out came the answer,

" *Yes, do and I will disclose too Thine own surprising secrets— Thy unexpected compassion, Thy unmerited mercy, Thy undeserved forgiveness, Thy unsolicited grace—so that mankind*